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1. A control of freight traffic by 30 Soviet troops and 60 VP personnel, operating in three shifts has been in operation at the Seddin marshaling yard since 21 May 1950. The Soviet soldiers are quartered in the former restaurant of the transloading shed, the rooms of which are being reconditioned by seven Potsdam firms.
2. The reconstruction of the transshipment shed at the Seddin marshaling yard has been intensified since early May 1950.
3. A Soviet control officer is on duty at the Wustermarke marshaling yard. He has at his disposal 40 VP personnel from the Falkensee detachment of the border police "Ring um Berlin". The VP personnel are quartered in three houses in Elsgrund which were formerly occupied by Soviet units.
4. The shipping bills of all shipments from the Western Zones to the Western Sector of Berlin and vice versa are being inspected. On all intra-zonal shipments and shipments from the West to the Soviet Zone and to the Soviet Sector of Berlin and vice versa, not only the shipping papers, but also the shipments themselves are opened. Shipments without shipping papers are confiscated.
5. A freight car loaded with gift parcels from America, mostly for people living in Necklenburg, was detained on 4 June 1950. The Soviet control officer made a list of the receivers. This freight car had been released by 6 June 1950.

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7. New sheds are being built or available ones improved at 16 railroad stations and freight stations, around Berlin. All sheds have a railroad connection. Most of the construction work is being done at Seddin and Mustermark. [Redacted] this work may be in connection with the establishment of custom stations provided with transshipment and storage facilities. \*

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\* [Redacted] Comment. The report confirms the execution of a Soviet order on the establishment of control points for freight traffic to and from Berlin.

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